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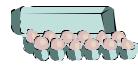
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and Boston, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance. In most other areas, prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate and was best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to in close balance, instances tight. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate and demand was light to moderately good. Light type hens were usually sufficient for current processors needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually about adequate to adequate from regular suppliers. Demand was light to moderately good. Light type hens were usually adequate for normal processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced on all sizes.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 2 cents for large and were unchanged for medium and small. Prices in other areas were not changed. The trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where retail features were a factor. Features noted were 99 cent 18 count large in Iowa and one dozen medium free at selected stores in Iowa. Supplies were tight to adequate for current needs. Central States nest run prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light to moderate. Offerings continued tight to adequate. Buyers needing product for next week delivery were paying higher prices. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were in very close balance to at times adequate. The trade sentiment was fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large increased 2 cents, smaller sizes unchanged. The market tone steady to firm. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies in close balance to barely adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. In Atlanta, asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes except mediums. In Florida, asking prices for next week were trending higher all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate and best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Breaking stock offerings were usually about adequate to adequate from regular suppliers for the light to moderately good demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient for normal processors schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week in California 3 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, large, medium and small; in the Northwest 4 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large and large, and 8 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light and held with confidence.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	102-109	99-106	68-72
New York	83-85	80-83	71-74
Philadelphia	73-83	71-81	66-71
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	70-71	68.5-70	66-67
Jackson (1)	78-79	77-78	70-71
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-92	82-90	75-81
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	63-68
Detroit (2)	64-67	63-66	57-60
Major Ohio Cities (2)	65-71	64-69	58-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	68-75	66-73	61-68
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	85-89	83-86	73-75
Southern California(Grade AA)	(4) 90-102	88-95	80-86
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	106	98	90

- (1) Prices Reported Weekly (3) Reported Invoice Prices
- (2) Delivered Warehouse (4) Prices To Retailers

<u>CALIFORNIA EGGS</u> Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 3 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, large, medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light and held confidently. Small invoice price 70. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 109, large dozen 87-99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS,

CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	121
EXTRA LARGE	106
LARGE	98
MEDIUM	90

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIV-

ERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	108-118
EXTRA LARGE	90-102
LARGE	88-95
MEDIUM	80-86

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS,

CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Price were unchanged. Trading and demand was light to moderate. Offerings continued tight to adequate. Buyers needing product for next week delivery were paying higher prices. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were in very close balance to at times adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	45-48	47-48
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-33	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices on nest run breaking stock were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The market tone was steady to fully steady at prevailing price levels. Floor stocks were usually about adequate to adequate from regular suppliers. Demand was light to moderately good. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending October 28, 2000 were 1% more than the previous week, but 5% less than a year earlier.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	40-46	43-44
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-34	
ENSTERNI PECIONI AREA:		

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 28-Oct-00 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
	DRUKEN	WHOLE	VV □ I I ⊏	TOLK		
CW	1,193,620	28,468	11,128	5,929	2,257	4,108
PW	1,204,941	28,243	11,785	6,404	2,164	3,999
LY	1,147,221	26,704	10,569	6,307	2,298	3,744
% PW	-1	1	-6	-7	4	3
% LY	4	7	5	-6	-2	10
2000	50,397,537	1,140,329	506,611	271,976	120,947	167,783
1999	48,030,174	1,107,665	458,616	250,745	111,064	152,084

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
41.58	41.85	41.25	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 60 to 61 cents fob with no pasteurzied whites reported. Trade sentiment generally steady for all liquid products. Offerings were adequate to available for all products. Demand for whites was noted as improved while yolk tapered in some spots. Whole egg movement continued moderate. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments for the adequate to close supplies.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 03 November, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			(HANGE FROM
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	11	39-41	40.27	.27
WHITES	16	24-26.25	24.97	.60
YOLKS		TFEWR		

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on whites and sugared yolks, and unchanged to higher on whole and salt yolk when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was steady to fully steady on yolks, fully steady on whole, and unsettled to about steady on whites. Trading was limited with demand light to moderate. Supplies were close balanced to adequate for current needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending October 28, 2000 were 6% less than last week, and 5% percent less

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN	. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	50-56	51-53	54-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		65-87
WHITES	35-39	37-39	42-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% S	OLIDS) 67-72	68-71	69-74
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SO		64-68	67-70
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS	SWEETENER	, GENERAL	LY 28-32%
EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Whole egg was generally 1 cent higher, sugur and salt yolk ranges were unchanged to 1 cent higher, and whites were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg and yolk and mostly steady for whites. Demand was moderate to intances good for whole egg and yolk and slow to moderate for whites. Most sales were for holiday fill-in needs. Processors were reporting adequate to close inventories on all frozen products. Breaking stock supplies remained in close balance to adequate for current needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) TDLICKI OTS

CONTAINENS)	INCONLOTO	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	50-54	51-52
WHITES	36-39	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS	S) 67-72	69-72
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-69	66-69

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 3 cents higher whole, 2 cents higher on yolks, and unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/28 was 5% less than the previous week. Breaking stock and liquid offerings continued short of full needs. Frozen demand active and freezer

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	58-61
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-74

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on whole, higher on volk, and unchanged on albumen when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was fully steady on yolks, steady to fully steady on whole, unsettled on whites and improved on blends. Movement was usually light with buyers unaggressive. Supplies were available on albumen, other items were about adequate to adequate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending October 28, 2000 were 4% more than last week, but 2% less than the same week a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAIN-ERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE 1.75-1.92MOSTLY 1.77-1.85 **YOLKS** 1.53-1.77 MOSTLY 1.60-1.70 ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED 2.70-3.15MOSTLY 2.80-2.90 BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)1.28-1.40 MOSTLY 1.30-1.40

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 27, 00-NOV 02,00															
CURRENT	LOADS	122	.00			FUTURE	ELOADS	89.00		TO	OTAL LO	ADS	211.00)	
	5	SE	1	NE	N	IW			5	SC	N/	N	SI	N	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	56.25	63.00	56.30	54.75	61.85	64.00	35.25	GNR W 1	65.44	66.50	_	_	_	_	23.25
GNR W 2		64.00			56.30	59.63	7.00	GNR W 3		55.93			_		3.75
GNR W 3	_	_	_	_	51.71	52.83	10.75	GL W J	_	_	_	_	_	74.00	.75
GNR BR XI	L —	_		_	_	_	.50	GL W XL	66.00	68.40	_	_	_	72.00	5.50
GNR BR 1	_	_	54.50	56.00	_	_	3.00	GL W LG	_	67.05	_	_	75.00	73.78	39.25
GL W J	_	_	_	_	63.50	_	.75	GL W MD	55.14	59.00	_	_	_	63.45	10.25
GL W XL	_	_	67.75	65.00	60.92	57.50	17.25	NRBS - 50	47.50	_	_	_	_	_	3.00
GL W LG	_	65.00	59.26	61.63	63.19	_	43.00	NRBS - 48	_	48.00	_	_	_	_	12.00
GL W MD	_	_	53.58	55.76	57.38	59.00	18.50	NRBS - 42	28.33	_	_	_	_	_	6.00
GL W SM	29.25	31.00	26.75	28.00	_	_	4.00								
NRBS - 50	_	_	44.50	46.00	_	55.50	3.50								
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	47.50	_	27.00								
NRBS - 42	_	_	_	_	_	34.00	6.00								
NRBS - 39	<u> </u>				 .	36.50	8.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate for normal processors schedules. Demand was light to moderate eventhough most buyers were unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing with an improved buying interest. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate or better supplies of leghorn hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for current needs. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings generally adequate.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<u></u>							
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>		MAJORITY				
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)					
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)					
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)					
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)					
No. Central Light	025	(2)					
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loa	ading					
(TFEWR) TOO FEW	(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT						

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 03-NOV-00 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	80.60	78.22	71.16
SOUTHERN	78.18	76.47	69.54
MIDWEST	69.41	68.17	62.26
WESTERN	98.39	92.91	84.34
TWELVE METRO AREAS	84.18	80.99	73.67

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices usually ranged about unchanged, however majority trading on heavy canners were generally higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good mostly good on heavies. Supplies were occasionally short to in close balance. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was at least steady on lights and fully steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

25-27 MAJORITY

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

25.75-29 MAJORITY 27.5-28.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

25-29.5 MAJORITY 25-27.5 27.75-31 MAJORITY 28.5-29.75

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD	UNDER INSPEC	TION W/E	28-Oct-00		
(PRELIMINARY)	U.S. FOWL SLA	UGHTERED	DOMESTIC	ALLY	
	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL		
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS		
HEAD	1,829	1,492	3,321		
LAST WEEK	1,463	1,813	3,276		
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,024	1,581	3,605		
TO-DATE/2000	81,624	62,695	144,319		
TO-DATE/1999	89,552	60,983	150,535		
U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA					
	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL		
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS		
HEAD	391	8	399		
LAST WEEK	347	6	353		
SAME WEEK YR AGO	459	20	479		
TO-DATE/2000	19,760	318	20,078		
TO-DATE/1999	19,906	267	20,173		
SOURCE: AGRICULTURE	,				
TOTAL U.S. FOV	VL SLAUGHTERI	ED IN THE U	I.S. AND CAN	NADA	
	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL		
(THOUSANDS)					
•	HENS		_		
HEAD LAST WEEK	HENS 2,220 1,810		_		

2,483

101,384

109.458

1,601

63,013

61.250

4,084

164,397

170,708

SAME WEEK YR AGO

TO-DATE/2000

TO-DATE/1999

Inspected Egg							
U.S. Exports to	Canada, in F	<u> Pounds (000)</u>	(Preliminary)	l			
Week Ending Oct 21, 2000 Year-To-Date							
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999			
Liquid	292	84	6,106	11,263			
Frozen	39	0	198	6			
Dried	37	0	496	504			
Total	368	84	6,800	11,773			
U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)							
Week Ending O	ct 21, 2000		Year-To-Da	ite			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999			
Liquid	97	12	4,322	3,774			
Frozen	0	11	711	454			
Dried	0	0	738	169			
Total	97	23	5,771	4,397			
Inspected Shell Eggs							
U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)							

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Week Ending C	Oct 21, 2000		Year-To-Da	ite
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	4	2,161	1,135
Extra Large	993	1,722	42,898	37,257
Large	3,114	5,064	123,467	123,425
Medium	1,050	960	29,246	41,024
Ungraded	15,000	14,610	333,484	527,753
Misc	750	2,223	10,137	10,190
Total	20,907	24,583	541,393	740,784
/1 Comparable	Mook to date	figures m	av not total due	to roundi

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

<u>DETROIT</u> PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

 JUMBO
 EX LARGE
 LARGE
 MEDIUM
 SMALL

 72-75
 63-69
 61-66
 55-60
 30-34

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

CENTS PER DOZEN LARGE MEDIUM SMALL 52-54 43-45 11-13

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

 JUMBO
 EXTRA LARGE
 LARGE
 MEDIUM
 SMALL

 114-117
 88-91
 85-88
 51-54
 17-20

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG October 31, 2000 PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

EXT	RA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	116	113	82	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	109-113	106-110	75-79	42-46
MOSTLY	111-112	108-109	77-78	44-45
RHODE ISLAND	112-116	109-113	73-82	46-50
MOSTLY	112	109	73	46
VERMONT	119-120	115-116	83-85	-
MOSTLY	119	116	85	-

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)
FREGS

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 30-Oct-00	4,390	151,731	72,326
AM 1-Oct-00	4,215	156,571	69,164
CHG	175	-4840	3162
PCT CHG	4	-3	5

MOVEMENT OF EGGS	AIL CHANNELS	W/E	28-Oct-00	
SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT C	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	S THO	JSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.4	22.8	-2	-24
BOSTON	4.5	4.5	0	15
CHICAGO	48.7	41.9	16	21
DETROIT	27.6	23.5	17	9
KANSAS CITY	5.0	6.1	-18	32
LOS ANGELES	110.3	107.9	2	24
NEW ORLEANS	10.2	10.8	-6	13
NEW YORK	34.1	33.3	2	-4
ST. LOUIS	13.7	13.9	-1	-11
SAN FRANCISCO	21.4	21.1	1	14
TOTAL	297.9	285.8	4	10
4 WK MVG AVG	296.5			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT 28-Oct-00							
(RECEIPTS FRO	(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)						
	CASES	PERCENT	CHANGE FROM				
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY				
N. ATLANTIC	213.7	1	-8				
E.N. CENTRAL	479.4	-3	-1				
W.N. CENTRAL	248.5	1	5				
S. ATLANTIC	193.9	-2	3				
S. CENTRAL	81.7	5	9				
WEST	203.0	1	-4				
TOTAL	1420.2	-1	0				
MATCHED PLAN	NTS REPORTING	91	88				

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Down 1 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 155 million dozen during September 2000, down 1 percent from September a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 13 percent; North Central, up 5; South Atlantic, down 8; South Central, down 28; and Western, down 6.

September 2000 contained 21 weekdays including one holiday and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays including one holiday and four Saturdays in September 1999.

Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication were used.

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